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SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF PRIME MINISTER OF BAHRAIN

- 1. THE PRIME MINISTER OF BAHRAIN, SHAIKH KHALIFA BIN SALMAN AL KHALIFA, YOUNGER BROTHER OF THE AMIR, LEFT BAHRAIN THE EVENING OF JULY 24 FOR A PREVIOUSLY UNANNOUNCED HOLIDAY IN EUROPE. WE UNDERSTAND HE WILL RETURN TO BAHRAIN BEFORE THE AMIR'S DEPARTURE FOR THE NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE IN COLOMBO O/A AUGUST 16.
- 2. IN THE ABSENCE OF SHAIKH KHALIFA, THE AMIR HAS ORDERED HIS SON, THE MINISTER OF DEFENSE AND HEIR APPARENT, SHAIKH HAMAD BIN ISA AL KHALIFA TO ASSUME THE DUTIES OF THE PRIME MINISTER.
- 3. ACCORDING TO THE AUSTRALIAN CONSULATE GENERAL HERE, SHAIKH KHALIFA IS DUE TO MAKE HIS OFFICIAL VISIT TO AUSTRALIA O/A SEPTEMBER 20 FOR FOUR DAYS.

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